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COUNTY PROPOSES TO ADVANCE URBANA MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today voted unanimously to continue to examine how to advance the Urbana Middle School fit-out project forward two years in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) with the stipulation that the majority of the funding would be provided by Matan Acquisitions, Inc. Matan recently proposed a plan to assist in the funding of the completion of an addition to Urbana Middle School. The board tasked staff with incorporating this change into the FY 2014-2019 CIP.

Matan has proffered \$1.6 million to the project as a contribution toward the cost of fitting out the school addition. Based on calculations, that will result in an additional amount of fees to go toward the school construction of approximately \$650,000.

Board President Blaine Young commented, “We would like to move Urbana Middle School up on the Capital Improvements Program by two years. We would not divert any funding from any other county project, as this would be provided by developer-funded financing. Currently the school is about 124 percent of capacity and we are recommending that our finance staff do the calculations to see if the developer funding allows the project to move it up to FY2015. We recently discussed this proposal during a joint meeting of the county commissioners with the Frederick County Board of Education to receive their feedback as well.”

The decision about Urbana Middle School occurred during today’s board session to review staff recommendations for the six-year CIP, totaling \$553.1 million.

The board will meet on February 14 and 21 to further develop the CIP program, which will be taken to a public hearing on March 19.

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